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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing this in regards to the proposed Microsoft settlement. I am against accepting the proposal as currently understood.

Perhaps it is only my naiveté that I continue to imagine that one of the roles of government is to protect the little guy from those more powerful than himself. In that vein, Microsoft is the bully on the block that us little people need government to step in and protect us from. The "slap on the wrist" provided by the settlement as currently proposed does not, in my view, do any more than say to Microsoft that it is acceptable to continue to be the bully on the block. This proposed settlement would be akin to telling the bully at school to give back 1 cent of every dollar extorted from your classmates, hardly a just penalty.

Thank you for considering my arguments against accepting the proposal before you.

Sincerely,

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